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FROM NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Personal and Social Events of Various Villages Recorded.

IRVINGTON.

Word has just been received from San Francisco that Mrs. Helen Robinson was taken down with typhoid fever Monday, and was taken to St. Luke's hospital. Her sister Mila is with her and will nurse her during her illness.

Wm. Bond lost a fine brood mare last week valued at $150. He says we all have to take a little bad luck along with the good.

The Irvington Brass Band will give a grand ball at an early date after Lent. Arrangements are now under way, and a joyous time will be had by all.

Geo. Ludwig, a young man who can turn his hand to almost anything in the mechanical line, has opened a carpenter shop in the cottage adjoining the Irvington Hotel.

Mr. Wm. Allen of Haywards was a visitor in town Saturday and Sunday.

The initiatory degree will be conferred by Mission Peak Lodge next Wednesday evening.

Gene Babb will act as one of the end men at the minstrel show at Niles this evening.

Mr. Geo. A. Babb and wife, of Brentwood, are in the city on a two week's vacation. They will visit relatives in Irvington before they return to their home.

Mrs. Esther Babb has returned from her visit to her son, Geo. A. Babb, at Brentwood, and is now at Alvarado, visiting her mother.

Word has just been received of the arrival of a bright little native daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Couchman, near Mountain View.

CENTERVILLE.

Mrs. Chadbourne has returned from Tuscon, Arizona, where she has been staying with her daughter, Miss Flossie. She reports the latter somewhat better in health.

Mr. T. C. Huxley, our well known attorney, is receiving the congratulations of his many friends over his great victory in the Spring Valley Water Company case. He is awarded $20,000 as his fee.

Our farmers are quite jubilant over the heavy rains of the past week, and are now assured of fine crops.

The rain on Wednesday evening prevented quite a number of our people attending the lecture by Dr. Dille in Irvington.

MOWRY'S LANDING.

Mr. Frank Browning of San Francisco is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Smith.

Mr. Alfred Rathke spent Sunday in Oakland.

Mr. Thos. Kennedy of San Francisco visited at Mowry during the week.

Mr. Harry Murray of Santa Cruz was the guest of Miss Florence Vandervoort Sunday.

Mr. James Horn spent Saturday in the city visiting relatives.

J. C. Mowry returned from Mendota Saturday.

Two hundred and eighty-five boxes of mushrooms were shipped from Mowry station Sunday. Business is anything but slack just now. Mr. Blanchard of Newark had his hands full making out receipts for the goods.

Mr. Joe Mowry and Charlie Paugh drove to San Jose Monday.

Wm. Bond made a flying trip to San Jose Monday.

Quite a number of the Mowryites have season tickets for the lectures to be held in Irvington.

Walpert Reception

A reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Walpert at Odd Fellow's Hall last Friday evening upon their return from the honeymoon trip to the South.

The hall was beautifully decorated with smilax, while in the center of the room was a large wedding bell of smilax and acacia blossoms, under which the bride and groom received their friends, while those with whom they were not acquainted were introduced by J. E. Briscoe and Miss Hazel Jacobus. Dancing was the principal amusement indulged in, and a very merry evening was spent.

Those who were noted among those present were: Dr. and Mrs. G. F. Chalmers, S. O. Higley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Overacker, F. L. Talbert, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Sneden, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jacobus, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Pickard, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Schlueter, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. M. Borges, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hatch, Miss Alice Hudson, Miss Pearl Crothers, Miss Florence Mayhew, Miss Blanche Sharpe, Miss Margaret Sinclair, Miss Edna Sharpe, Miss Hazel Jacobus, Miss Baldwin, Miss Mildred Nauert, Clarence Richmond, Wm. Moore, Clarence Martenstein, Joseph Champion, Harry Mosher, J. E. Briscoe, Robert Tyson, Harry Tyson, George Tyson, Ed. Nichols, Wayne Youngman, Miss Louise May, Miss Lillie Walpert, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Horner, E. D. Baldwin, Clarence Salz, John Blacow, Miss Florence Hudson, Harlow Baldwin, Mrs. G. E. Chittenden, Miss Laura Kelly, H. A. Mayhew, Miss Emilita Mayhew, Miss Clementina Forbes, Miss Octavia Forbes, Miss Alice Spellman, Miss Grace Robertson, Joseph Gainer, Fred Dassel, Harrison Snyder, Mrs. Wm. Butt, Miss L. Babb, Miss Gladys Couvesier, Mrs. H. P. Preston, Dean Preston, Mrs. Dr. Aiken.

Fernbrook Park this year promises to be the most liberally patronized and most popular picnic resort in the State. Already a large proportion of the dates are filled, and with the best class of picnics. Mr. Barnard is making many improvements to the premises looking to the comfort and convenience of his guests, and by the time the season opens will have everything arranged in first-class shape.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

That May Affect Some of You Gathered From Many Sources.

A slight shock of earthquake was felt here Monday morning between three and four o'clock.

Fresh Eastern oysters served in any style on short notice or sold to take home, at Jackson's restaurant.

The Haywards horse show takes place Saturday. A good attendance is expected from here.

The Odd Fellows of San Francisoo hold their annual picnic at Fernbrook Park on April 26th.

Bro. Benjamin's great show will appear at the Opera House in Alvarado on Tuesday evening, March 1st. *

The Ladies' Guild will meet next Wednesday afternoon with Miss Mollie Meyer from two to four o'clock.

The Board of Supervisors held an uninteresting session on Tuesday. Nothing but routine business was transacted.

Don't miss the Bro. Benjamin show at Alvarado, commencing next Tuesday, and every night for the balance of the week. *

Rev. E. D. Hale and family drove from Clayton, a distance of 45 miles, on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Hale had spent Sunday at that place.

Harry Abbott of Sunol has recently purchased a number of lots in Niles, and, it is rumored, will open a blacksmith shop here shortly.

Frank Rose, an old time resident of Centerville, who for some time past has been located in Kings county, again paid a visit to his old friends this week.

The San Jose High School baseball nine came to Irvington last Saturday and played the Anderson Academy team. The game resulted in a victory for the home team by a score of 2 to 1.

The Livermore local was over two hours late Tuesday morning owing to the engine running off the track while going on the turntable at Livermore. An engine from Niles had to be sent to the aid of the disabled engine.

Constable Roderick has purchased the Salz cottage, formerly occupied by the Waters brothers, and after making some needed improvements, will take up his residence therein.

Centerville Lodge No. 176, K. of P., has been taking in a number of new members recently. This lodge is one of the best in Washington township, and is in a very prosperous condition.

This evening's minstrel show promises to be the event of the year so far in Niles. Judging from the posters and the amount of preparation which has been going on to make it a success, the patrons of the entertainment will have an evening of fun well worth twice the money charged for tickets.

Valuable Automobile Burned

A peculiar and disastrous accident happened on the road between Centerville and San Jose last Saturday evening.

An automobile belonging to and manipulated by a Mr. Magee of Fruitvale, was totally destroyed by fire in a very short space of time. It seems that Mr. Magee and a friend were en route from San Jose to Fruitvale in the machine, and when near Centerville the lamp on the machine became extinguished, and the chauffaeur got off the road into a plowed field. An old lamp was lighted to try and find the road, and it is thought to also examine the machine to see if any damage had been done to the machinery. At any rate, upon approaching the car with the light, the whole thing suddenly burst into flames and in an incredibly short while was entirely destroyed. It is thought that the gasoline tank must have sprung a leak, and on coming in contact with the flame from the lamp, caused the fire. The machine, which was of French make and valued at about $3500, was a total wreck, there being nothing left of it but a few bent and twisted pieces of iron.

Badly Burned

Last week Mrs. R. H. Bonner met with a very serious and painful accident to one of her eyes.

It appears she has been using a wash for an affection of the eyes, and has been in the habit of applying the medicine several times daily. This time as she was about to use it, she was called for some purpose, and her attention being distracted, she picked up the wrong bottle and used, instead of a harmless wash, a strong solution of carbolic acid.

The result can be better imagined than described, and though a physician was almost immediately summoned, her sufferings have been intense, and it was doubtful for a time whether or not her eye could be saved.

Sunday Evening Sermons

At the Congregational Church, beginning February 28th, the pastor will deliver a series of Sunday evening sermons on the general theme "Great Causes and their Advocates." Some of the greatest advance movements of modern times will be discussed, and it will be shown how each one has been shaped and vitalized by the inspiring influence of a devoted life.

Subjects: Prison Reform, John Howard; Abolition of Slavery, W. L. Garrison; Temperance Reform, Neal Dow; Relief of Suffering, Clara Barton; The Salvation Army, Wm. Booth; The Christian Endeavor Society, F. E. Clark; Public Libraries, Andrew Carnegie; The Progress of a Century.

The California Nursery Co. have issued a special circular offering a number of varieties of grafted grapes on resistant vines. In order to clean up their stock they are selling them at very low prices.

CASE LOST BY SPRING VELLEY

Court Hands Down a Decision for Mrs. Clough and Awards Large Attorneys' Fees

Judge Greene Tuesday afternoon handed down a decision and findings in favor of Mrs. Jane E. Clough in her suit against the Spring Valley Water Works, involving riparian rights in Washington township. According to the decision the Spring Valley Company is restrained from further diverting the waters of Alameda creek through its pipes to San Francisco for distribution. Most of the allegations of fraud contained in the complaint were sustained by the Court. It was held that the Spring Valley Water Works had subverted to its own interests the property of the Washington and Murray Township Water Company after securing controlling interest in the stock of the latter company.

In the matter of attorney's fees the Court was liberal. Attorneys William R. Davis and Thos. C. Hayley, who conducted the case for Mrs. Clough, were each allowed $20,000. They asked for $25,000 each. W. H. Ford who proved expert testimony in the case was allowed a fee of $6000 for his time and expenses. Joseph C. Shinn was appointed receiver to take charge of the property of the Washington and Murray Township Water Company, commonly known as the ditch company, and to pay the counsel fees and costs out of the proceeds received by him If necessary it was directed that he should sell the property to pay the money due. The costs of the suit, including attorneys' fees, aggregated about $47,000. The case was on trial for two years There were many continuances, however, during that time.

The ditch company was organized in 1871 for the purpose of carrying water from Alameda creek to irrigate surrounding land and to water live stock. In 1876 the Spring Valley Water Works secured a controlling interest in the stock of the ditch company. Charles Webb Howard acted as president of both corporations. It was claimed by Mrs. Clough that the directors of the ditch company were controlled by the Spring Valley Company, being either stockholders or employes of the latter company. In 1888 the Spring Valley Company began diverting water to San Francisco, leaving an insufficient supply to irrigate the farms and orchards in Washington and Murray townships. Mrs. Clough sued as a stockholder of the ditch company.—Chronicle.

Joseph Tyson, J. A. Easterday and A. I. Simpson paid a visit to San Quentin Prison Sunday, the guests of Mr. Tyson's brother John, who is a guard at that institution. The party spent a good porttion of the day viewing the many interesting sights to be seen at the prison.

Mrs. J. Forbes is spending a few days in Vallejo visiting friends.

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RAINFALL SUMMARY.

William Barry, Horticultural Commissioner, furnishes us the following:

NILES, Feb. 24, 1904.

The following is a summary of the rainfall for this station for the season of 1902-1903; the rainfall for the present season of 1903-04 to date, and the amount for the last storm to same date:

Last storm,..... 0.54 inch
season 1903-04, to date 10 19
1902-1903 " 10.41
Total season of 1902-1903.... 16.98

Thermometer readings for week ending Feb. 24, 1904—Max. 64°; Min. 40°

THE ratification of the Panama treaty by the Senate Tuesday should mean that the Panama Canal will be built shortly by the United States.

THE bountiful rains of this week have made the farmers and merchants all over the state smile at the prospect of a plentiful harvest the coming season.

THE rapid advance in the price of grain, togethsr with the bountiful rains with which California has been blest the past month, promses the most prosperous season the Pacific Coast has ever known.

Now that the war in the far East in earnest, the world looks on interest as to the outcome. r, the Japanese have decidedly st of it, and it only remains een whether they can keep pace they have cut out for ves.

latest accomplishment of rd" Burbank in the horti- line is the "Shasta Daisy," m the description it must laisy." Imagine if you can dest little flower of your ac tance with a stem two or three long and a blossom four or five es in diameter, and you have new and wonderful production Mr Burbank.

THE efforts of the Union Sugar Co. of Santa Maria, to encourage the growth of sugar beets by giving prizes for the largest and best crops of beets, could be emulated with success by the Alvarado concern. Propositions of this character are a great incentive to the grower, and he puts forth his best efforts to get the greatest possible yield from his land, and whether he wins a prize or not, is benefited.

THE Waters Brothers have started a paper in Santa Rosa and sold the Niles Herald to E. B. Thompson and Fred E. Adams, who will consolidate the Washington Press with the Herald. This will make a much stronger paper and serve the two nearby communities better than the two separately. Consolidation is the twentieth century way of doing business.—The Citrograph.

PERFECT CONFIDENCE

Where there used to be a feeling of uneasiness and worry in the household when a child showed symptoms of croup, there is now perfect confidence. This is owing to the uniform success of Chamberlain's Cough remedy in the treatment of that disease. Mrs. M. I. Basford of Polesville, Md., in speaking of her experience in the use of that remedy, says: "I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, for I have used it with perfect success. My child Garland is subject to severe attacks of croup, and it always gives him prompt relief." For sale by Ellis Bros.

A publication, got out for the evident purpose of defaming the character of Charles H. Spear, Harbor Commissioner, and called the "Arrow," has made its appearance. Like the anonymous letter, this sheet is not fathered by anyone, and will probably be received with the contempt which it deserves.

A VOCAL DUEL.

Tamagno and Lassalle Contended, but It Was a Dead Heat.

Herrmann Klein in a book on music and musicians tells this story: "Once I remember our party of four was joined by Tamagno when the celebrated Italian tenor was playing 'Otello' at the Lyceum. We all had supper together after the performance and were in the jolliest of moods. Tamagno had a slight cold on the chest, but protested that it made no difference whatever in the singing quality of his head tones. Upon this Lassalle offered to wager that he could sing higher with his falsetto than Tamagno with his 'voce di petto.' The challenge was accepted, and forthwith the two began a vocal duet the like of which I am certain I shall never hear again. Out came Tamagno's A's and B flats, as quickly responded to with the falsetto equivalents from Lassalle's sturdy throat. Then the Italian went 'one better,' and the Frenchman, in order, as he said, to help himself up the scale, mounted his chair and emitted the B natural, whereupon Tamagno also stood upon his chair and brought out not only a high C, but a ringing D flat. Lassalle was now for mounting the table, but, this being 'ruled out' as an unfair advantage over a less athletic opponent, he proceeded to get the necessary notes from the eminence of his chair amid terrific applause from the rest of the company. Tamagno now made a bold dash for a D natural, but did not quite succeed, and as Lassalle fared no better we pronounced the result a 'dead heat.'"

LONGSTREET'S ORDERS.

The Way His Soldiers Managed to Evade Them.

General Longstreet used to tell a good many stories to show that the men of his command always treated captured Union soldiers with as much consideration and kindness as was possible under the circumstances. He said that his orders on this point were very strict, and he never knew any of his men to disobey. As he went on to explain how proud he was of the record of his men on this point a listener employed in one of the departments at Washington interrupted him.

"Undoubtedly your orders were strict, general," he said, "but I happen to know that they were evaded. For example, in east Tennessee you ordered your men to respect the belongings of prisoners, and this is the way some of them did it: I wore a good pair of army shoes, nearly new. One day a good natured fellow in gray with no shoes to speak of walked along our line looking intently at the shoes of the captured Unionists. He put his foot by the side of mine and, remarking that I was just his size, added: 'Old Pete [Longstreet] says he will have every man shot who steals anything from a prisoner. To save my life, won't you trade shoes with me? For I must have them shoes.' Of course I traded, as did other prisoners."

At this Longstreet smiled, but insisted that the story didn't prove anything.

Difficult Horseback Feat.

There are no better horsemen in the world than the cavalry officers of the Italian army, yet even among them there are very few who could perform the feat recently achieved by one of them.

To run an ordinary foot race is easy enough, but to run at full speed for several hundred yards holding in one hand a spoon on which rests an egg and to reach the goal without dropping the egg is a feat which must be practiced carefully a long time before it can be performed successfully, and as a result there are not many who can be sure of accomplishing it whenever they try. Great, therefore, was the surprise when an Italian officer mounted on horseback performed this difficult feat. Moreover, he selected a course in which there were two or three high fences, and these he cleared at full gallop without losing the egg.

India's Sacred Fires.

The sacred fires of India have not all been extinguished. The most ancient which still exists was consecrated twelve centuries ago in commemoration of the voyage made by the Parsees when they emigrated from Persia to India. The fire is fed five times every two hours with sandalwood and other fragrant materials, combined with very dry fuel.

A Bad Boy.

Bertie—I don't want to go to bed yet, sis. I want to see you and Mr. Shepherd play cards. Lucie—You wicked boy, to think we should do such a thing! We never do it! Bertie—But I heard mamma tell you to mind how you played your cards when Mr. Shepherd came.

One of the greatest American millionaires once said to his physician, "A million dollars, Doctor, for a new stomach," and then the sick man groaned and turned away. One of a man's greatest pleasures is that born of a keen appetite, vigorous digestion and a good dinner, and this belongs to many a good fellow who is living on small wages, but the rich man without a stomach has to forego the good things of the table because his stomach rebels. Without a healthy stomach and a good digestion, our blood is thin, watery and poor, our heart action is weak, our liver does not do its duty, and man is miserable and unhappy. In this condition man is prey to the germs of influenza, consumption, malaria and all the ills that he is heir to. Consumption can be treated by natural methods which are as close to nature as possible.

Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y., years ago understood this disease, and after a long period of experiment discovered certain roots and herbs which were nature's remedies, and succeeded in putting them up in a form that would be easily procured and ready to use. This he called Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It gives no false stimulation because it contains no alcohol and no narcotic. It helps digestion and the assimilation of such elements in the food as are required for the blood. Instead of a cod liver oil, against which the already sensitive stomach will declare open rebellion, this tonic has a pacifying action upon the sensitive stomach and gives to the blood the food elements the tissues require. It maintains the patient's nutrition by enabling him to eat, retain, digest and assimilate nutritious food. It overcomes gastric irritability and symptoms of indigestion, and in this way fever, night-sweats, headaches, etc., are done away with. It fortifies the body against the germs of consumption, grip and malaria, and it builds up the tissues and puts on healthy flesh.

When the druggist says he has something that is "just as good" as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, he says so because he hopes to make a better profit, but his own mixtures have not stood the test of long experience nor had the success that Dr. Pierce's medicines have had.

PROLIFIC INSECTS.

The Termites, or White Ants, Are the Greatest Egg Layers.

There is infinite variety in the number of eggs laid by different animals, the general rule being that those highest in the scale of life are least prolific.

Among vertebrates fish are the most prolific. Trout and salmon average 1,000 eggs to every pound of weight. Buckland reckoned the roe of a half pound herring at 19,840, of an eight pound turbot at 385,000 and of a thirty pound cod at 5,000,000, while the sturgeon has more than a third of its weight ready for the toothsome caviare.

Mollusks vary in their powers of reproduction from thirty to fifty at a time in snails, to the thousands of the whelk, while the spat of some reaches 2,000,000. It is among insects that stupendous numbers appear, reaching a climax in the termites, or white ants. The queens of these are egg laying machines of the most astonishing fecundity. They become huge cylindrical packages, 2,000 times their usual size, chained to one spot. The laying at the rate of sixty eggs a minute, or 80,000 a day, reaches probably in two years the enormous total of 50,000,000!

Winter Hawthorn Blossoms.

The legend respecting the origin of the Glastonbury thorn is well known—how Joseph of Arimathea, in visiting Britain on a preaching mission, arrived weary at Glastonbury, and while he rested his hawthorn walking stick was thrust into the ground; how it at once began to grow and ever after, so the legend says, flowered on Christmas day. The thorn is simply an early flowering variety of our common hawthorn. That it does flower remarkably early is quite true, for a tree in the Royal Botanic gardens, Kew, opens its flowers between November and March. —London Knowledge.

A Tiny Dog.

The Mexican lapdog is so very minute in size as to appear almost incredible to those who have not actually seen the animal itself. A well known writer on natural history, speaking of this tiny member of the canine species, says that "it is precisely like those white woolen toy dogs which sit upon a pair of bellows and when pressed give forth a nondescript sound intended to do duty for a legitimate bark."

The Lost Baby.

"What has become of your baby sister, Johnny?" asked a mother of her four-year-old son. "I haven't seen her for an hour or more."

"Oh, don't worry 'bout her, mamma," replied Johnny. "You'll find her when you sweep the house."—Exchange.

A Blunderer.

"Of course I will be uglier some day," she whispered.

"Impossible," he replied gallantly. And he wonders that she sent his presents back.—New Yorker.

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